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Ms. Joan Kodani  
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Dear Ms. Kodani:

Amendment to EIS Exemption List  
Department of Public Works  
Vegetation Clearing of Streams, Appendix D-1

The Environmental Center has reviewed the above cited amendment to the EIS Exemption List with the assistance of John W. Hylin, Agricultural Biochemistry; Jacquelin Miller and Diana Shepherd, Environmental Center.

The above referenced request appears reasonable and the proposed uses for the pesticides, Roundup and Diquat, should not cause adverse effects to the environment. They are herbicides and have low mammalian toxicity. Diquat, registered for direct application to water for weed control, has a low toxicity to aquatic organisms. Roundup, though somewhat more toxic to aquatic organisms than Diquat, is still considered a safe material when applied only to dry stream beds and ditch banks. Both products are federally registered for these uses and as long as the label provisions and restrictions are complied with, there should be no significant adverse environmental effects.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this requested amendment to the EIS Exemption List.

Yours truly,

Doak C. Cox  
Director

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cc: John W. Hylin  
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